

# NEWS RELEASE

South Central Sierra Interagency Incident Management Team



For Immediate Release

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## Chimney Fire

**Location:** The fire is burning primarily in the Chimney Peak and Owens Peak wilderness areas, adjacent to the Pacific Crest Trail.

**Acres Burned:** 1826

**Containment:** 65

**Fire Started:** 06/01/2016 1535

**Cause:** Human

**Structures Threatened:** 0

**Structures Destroyed:** 0

**Injuries:** 1

**Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 589**

## Summary

The Chimney Fire was reported to the Bureau of Land Management at approximately 3:30pm on June 1<sup>st</sup> in the area of Chimney Peak campground. Fire behavior remained minimal today with only creeping and smoldering through the night. Interior islands continue to burn, however, they pose no threat to containment lines.

The structure threat to the Chimney Peak community has been mitigated and there is no current threat to any structures.

The fireline continued to hold at 1,826 acres, 65% contained, and is burning primarily in the Chimney Peak and Owens Peak wilderness areas. Chimney Peak/Canebrake Road is closed to all traffic for firefighter and public safety. Nine Mile Rd is open only to local residents and fire vehicles, but is anticipated to open at 1800 (6pm) today.

Firefighters continued mop-up operations and direct line construction to maintain and improve containment lines, while minimizing impacts to the wilderness. Crews are implementing fireline suppression repair.

The Pacific Crest Trail will open at 1800 hours (6pm) today, pending no further threat to containment lines.

Hot and dry weather will continue, with a potential for thunderstorms this weekend as an upper level disturbance moves into the area.

## Closures

The fire is burning in an area adjacent to the Pacific Crest Trail, and the trail is closed between Highway 178 and Kennedy Meadows. Chimney Peak/Canebrake Road is closed to all traffic. Nine Mile Rd is open to local residents and fire vehicles only. The Pacific Crest Trail and Nine Mile Road will open at 1800 (6pm) today.

**Fire Information: 760-376-3781 ext 687**

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